

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION HEALTH LAW SECTION

December 2024 Full Executive Committee Meeting

Date:	December 16, 2024
Invitees:	Adrian Chan, Genta Iwasaki, Elena Praggastis, Stephanie Sundier, Mikaela Louie, Ricci Crinzi, Andrew Feld, Carolyn MacGregor (WSBA), Emily Arneson (BOG)
In attendance:	Adrian Chan, Genta Iwasaki, Elena Praggastis, Stephanie Sundier, Ricci Crinzi, Andrew Feld
Call to Order:	12:00 PM
Adjourn:	12:58 PM
Approved on:	1/27/2025, 12:05pm, January 2025 Full EC Meeting
Agenda:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Chair opening comments (<i>Elena</i>)2. Minutes approval (<i>Genta</i>)3. WSBA updates (<i>Carolyn</i>)4. Board of Governors updates (<i>Emily</i>)5. Financial update (<i>Ricci</i>)6. Introduction to Sabrina Marquez7. Subcommittee updates<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Outreach (<i>Adrian</i>)b. Communications (<i>Stephanie</i>)8. Survey (<i>Elena</i>)9. EC Social event – winter (<i>Adrian and Ricci</i>)10. Section Legislative Primer (<i>Stephanie</i>)11. Open positions – Young Lawyer Liaison; At-Large Member (<i>Adrian</i>)12. Items carried over from the last meeting<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Edits to the website (<i>Stephanie</i>)b. New Section - Guardian Ad Litem (<i>comments are due 12/20</i>)c. Membership dues increase (<i>Stephanie</i>)

Minutes:

1. Chair opening comments (Elena)

- Mikaela is unable to join today due to family emergency.
- Sabrina Marquez, a member potentially interested in becoming the next Young Lawyer Liaison, will join the call later.

2. Minutes approval (Genta)

- The meeting minutes from the October retreat and the November meeting were approved. Genta to circulate them to Carolyn to be uploaded to our website.

3. WSBA updates (Carolyn)

- Skipped, as Carolyn is absent.

4. Board of Governors updates (Emily)

- Skipped, as Emily is absent.

5. Financial update (Ricci)

- The 2025 budget was finalized at \$43,554 for expenses.
- In connection with the budget, Stephanie brought up whether it would be appropriate to discuss re increasing the section's membership dues. Further discussion on the matter was postponed until January, allowing more time and ensuring Carolyn's (WSBA's) participation/input.

6. Introduction to Sabrina Marquez

- Elena welcomed Sabrina Marquez, a member interested in potentially contributing to the committee by becoming the next Young Lawyer Liaison. Sabrina in turn was introduced to the other members of the committee. Sabrina shared her background, including her work at Polsinelli and her involvement in healthcare litigation. Elena and Adrian offered to answer any questions Sabrina might have about serving as the next Young Lawyer Liaison, should she decide to apply.

7. Subcommittee updates

a. Outreach (Adrian)

- Adrian announced that the Outreach Committee has now been rebranded as the Community Engagement Subcommittee moving forward.
- Regarding the Student Health Law Fair, Adrian reported that the event (usually held in May) would be co-hosted with help from law students attending the different law schools. To that end, he is planning to organize a welcome dinner for the law school student planners sometime in January. He asked other executive committee members (including Stephanie and Andrew) to let him know if they would like to help plan the welcome dinner and/or the Student Health Law Fair itself.

- Elena discussed involving Sally and Rachel (both from WSBA) in planning for the Student Health Law Fair.

- Stephanie suggested a potential collaboration with the Communication Subcommittee to host a CLE around the topic of corporate practice of medicine.

b. Communications (Stephanie)

- Stephanie discussed plans to organize/host the following tentative mini-CLEs in 2025:

- i. New Administration Topic with possible predictions of what's to come (in February?)
- ii. Corporate Practice of Medicine (in April/May?)
- iii. Collaboration with another section – for example, unemployment and benefits with the Labor and Employment Law Section (in August?)
- iv. DEI / Health Equity (in November?)

Stephanie will finalize the CLE dates with the WSBA. Elena confirmed that the Davis Wright Tremaine healthcare partner Darby Allen is potentially interested in presenting on the first topic (re New Administration) along with other presenters. Darby is in talks with other folks who might be able to co-present.

- Stephanie is working on the mock-up for the proposed newsletter.

8. Survey (Elena)

- Elena reported that she is finalizing a survey that she plans to circulate to the section members by the end of the week. The survey will assess what the section members would like to get out of the section, and it should also hopefully give us insights into how we can differentiate ourselves from other similar organizations such as WSSHA and WSHA. Elena will circulate the draft survey in the next few days so that we can provide input.

9. EC Social event – winter (Adrian and Ricci)

- Adrian and Ricci reported that they are organizing an executive committee social event to go watch the Seattle Kraken game on Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at 7:00 PM. The food (excluding alcohol) would be paid for by the WSBA.

- Elena and Stephanie discussed the possibility of a special ticket needed for the event, with Elena agreeing to look into it.

10. Section Legislative Primer (Stephanie)

- Stephanie attended the intro call for the Section Legislative Primer, noting that the presenters seemed more focused on grammar and punctuation issues rather than taking a stance on legislative matters. She planned to follow up with the group for clarification.

- Elena discussed the need for a legislative liaison, with Stephanie tentatively volunteering for the role. Elena suggested that having another person serve as a co-liaison would be beneficial.

11. Open positions – Young Lawyer Liaison; At-Large Member (Adrian)

- Elena put together a blurb for Stephanie to post on LinkedIn re the open positions. Elena will send the blurb to Stephanie shortly.

12. Items carried over from the last meeting

a. Edits to the website (Stephanie)

- Stephanie plans to draft initial contents and pass them through the subcommittees before the January meeting. As such, any decision re website edits will be postponed until the February meeting.

b. New Section - Guardian Ad Litem (comments are due 12/20)

- A discussion was had about the narrow scope of the proposed new section.
- The committee decided not to take a stance on the proposal.

c. Membership dues increase (Stephanie)

- To discuss at the next January meeting when Carolyn (WSBA) is present.